

## Resume of EVACS Izmir 2014

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The Stadia Championship of EVAA 2014 in Izmir was a new experience for athletes and officials. For the first time in history the championship was organized in only four months due to the fact that the Turkish Athletic Federation and the Izmir Master Athletic Club elected a new President. Unfortunately Izmir's Konak District elected a new mayor as well so that EVAA Council had to work together with new partners.

At the end we can be proud to work together with a team that wanted to make this championship a success. Nihat Doker – General Coordinator - , Rodica Maria Yaksi – Event Manager – and Yavuz Tunc – LOC Assistant Coordinator were the key persons that run the business. More than 120 volunteers - dressed in yellow – were friendly and willing to assist the athletes whenever needed. Around 100 judges and referees – dressed in white – were very well skilled and took their responsibility seriously. There were 30 coordinators – dressed in dark red polo shirts – who managed the competitions and assisted everybody to present a perfect organization. They all made an excellent job and most of the athletes were very satisfied and went home with good memories.

On the other hand there were also complains that EVAA / EMA Council had to solve together with the LOC: During the first day the free transportation was not finally arranged – on the second day all athletes and accompanied persons had a free access to all transportation systems in Izmir. The rings for discus and hammer were a problem because they were too slip, for others too raff, for some athletes too dry .... Athletes demanded for poles – the LOC managed to serve most of the athletes with the right one during the competition. Drinking water for all active athletes was missing – at the end we had enough in the call room and the long distance runs. There were more little problems to solve that most of the athletes were not aware of – LOC did its best.

Some problems could not be solved but EVAA / EMA Council will work on it in future events: The temperature was too hot from early morning till late at night at the end of August in Izmir – 5 to 10 degrees more than expected. The timetable was not very well prepared due to the fact that 2000 athletes didn't registered – there has to be more action in the main stadium and the venues has to be used better to work more efficiently. A marathon during a stadia championship with 103 competitors is not acceptable. In the future there will be a ½ marathon, open as well to the public so that the organizing committee has much more competitors and spectators along the course. If the weather is as hot as it used to be in Izmir, the long distances will be started earlier or late in the evening.

For the first time in EVAA history EMATOs (European Masters Athletics Technical Officials) came into action. Patricia, Ursula, and Lamberto Vachi supported the judges and referees in understanding WMA rules concerning Masters Athletics – it worked out perfectly. Our Safety Officers had the most difficult task. First of all they had to protect the athletes from participation in an event they hadn't the skill to do and secondly they had to convince the athletes to stop due to the fact of the heat. Some athletes refused to listen and collapsed during or after the race. LOC and EVAA/EMA Council

were really happy to have excellent medical staff that was located where it was needed. Nobody was seriously sick at the end ... One important lesson all of us learned during the 11 days of these championship. It was a team work of TAF, LOC, EVAA, local authorities, team leaders, and athletes that will be kept in our memories.

Thank you to all of you who made EVACS Izmir 2014 a success.

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